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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Director of Development & Procurement, DPD/DD/P

**SUBJECT** : Discussion with Mr. Kelly Johnson on 22 January 1959  
Regarding U-2 Items

**THROUGH** : Deputy Director, DPD-DD/P

**REFERENCE** : Memorandum for the Record, dated 30 January 1959,  
Same Subject (CHAL-0543)

1. This is just to remind you that our conversations concerning the over-run on Contract SP-1918 have somewhat changed the situation since the conversation reported in the reference. This change I communicated to Kelly.

2. With particular reference to the items listed in the reference, my views are as follow:

a. Items 5, 8, and 11 have to be carried through and given extremely high priority.

b. With respect to item 3, autopilot product improvement, I desire a recommendation from Operations through Colonel Burke before we commit any funds.

c. Item 6 we will postpone indefinitely.

d. Item 9, the training of additional personnel, must go forward but I would like Jim Cunningham's views on the numbers.

e. Items 7 and 10 are of somewhat different nature.

3. I would request that all of the above be coordinated by Colonel Burke.

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